Russia and India was concluded. However, no package, including the joint development of a light combat aircraft and updating of MIG-21, was discussed.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Legal aid to the poor and low income litigants

*46. SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial part of the central funds for free legal aid to the poor and low-income litigants has been allowed to go waste by most of the State Governments and Union Territories;

(b) if so, what is the amount allotted to each State Government and Union Territory during the year 1991-92 and the funds utilised during that period alongwith the number of litigants benefited in each State/Union Territory; and

(c) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of funds and what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that more needy litigants are benefited by this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Statement showing the grants-in-aid released by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes and the amount utilised by the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards, Statewise, during 1991-92 is laid on the Table of the House. *(See below)*. The number of litigants benefited is being collected.

(c) In view of reply to (a) above, the question of non-utilisation of Central funds does not arise. Various Legal Aid Programmes such as Promotion of Legal Literacy; holding of Legal Aid Camps/ Lok Adalats; and Training of Para-Legals etc. are bring undertaken to ensure that more needy litigants are benefited under the Scheme.

Statement

Grant-in-aid released by the Committee for implementing Legal Aid Scheme for implementation of the specific Legal Aid Programmes out of Central funds during the financial year 1991-92, Statewise, and the funds utilised by the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards

S. No	Name of the State Legal Aid & Advice Board.	Grant-in-aid released during 1991-92	Funds utilised
		Rs.	Rs.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,36,929.01	Accounts yet to be finalised.
2.	Assam	1,00,000	-do-
3.	Gujarat	1,10,000	-do-
4.	Haryana	1,40,000	-do-
5.	Himachal Pradesh	60,000	-do-
6.	Kerala	50,000	-do-
7.	Madhya Pradesh	2,25,000	-do-
8.	Maharashtra	50,000	-do-
9.	Orissa	1,90,000	-do-
10.	Punjab	50,000	-do-
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1,70,000	-do-
12.	Karnataka	2,50,000	2,50,000
13.	Tamil Nadu	4,00,000	4,00,000
14.	Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee	8,00,000	8,00,000

Vigil by the Indian Navy in the Mannar Sea along the East Coast of Tamil Nadu

*47. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to strengthen vigil by the Indian Navy in the Mannar Sea along the East Coast of Tamil Nadu in view of frequent clandestine movements of terrorist groups of Sri Lanka into the territorial waters of India;

(b) the number of vessels of the terrorist groups of Sri Lanka so far intercepted by the Indian Navy;

(c) the number of terrorists captured so far and put into custody; and